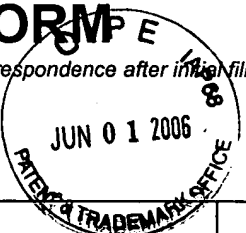


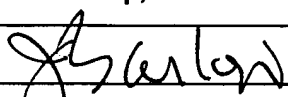
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Applicant(s): YAMASHITA		Patent No.: 7,049,841
Serial No.: 10/729,975		Issued: May 23, 2006
Filed: December 9, 2003		Atty. Dkt.: 24-011-TB
<b>Title: HEATER-EQUIPPED PUSHER, ELECTRONIC COMPONENT HANDLING APPARATUS, AND TEMPERATURE CONTROL METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENT</b>		

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Date: June 1, 2006

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the above-identified Letters Patent be corrected to correct the domestic priority claim information in item (65) on the first page of the patent. Specifically, the priority claim of the Letters Patent should be corrected to include:

**This application is a CON of PCT/JP02/06815 filed on 07/04/2002**

The domestic priority claim was corrected during prosecution. A Request to Confirm Acceptance of Earlier Claim for Domestic Priority under 35 USC 120/ 365(C) and Contingent Rule 78 (A)(3) Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim was filed on December 6, 2005. A copy of the petition decision, in which the domestic priority claim for the above-referenced Letters Patent was granted, is attached as proof that this error was due to a mistake made by the USPTO.

Applicants also request that the attached Certificate of Correction be attached to all copies of the Letters Patent.

To facilitate the above request, a copy of the original letters patent is enclosed.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1147.

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PATENT NO. : 7,049,841  
APPLICATION NO.: 10/729,975  
ISSUE DATE : December 9, 2003  
INVENTOR(S) : Tsuyoshi Yamashita

It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Prior Publication Data

Correct the domestic priority claim information to include:

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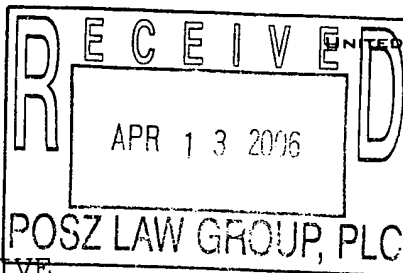
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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of  
Tsuyoshi Yamashita  
Application No. 10/729,975  
Filed: December 9, 2003  
Attorney Docket No.  
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This is a decision on the Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim, filed December 6, 2005, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) for the benefit of priority to prior-filed PCT Application No. PCT/JP02/06815, filed July 4, 2002, set forth in the amendment submitted concurrently with the instant petition<sup>1</sup>. The delay in treating this petition is regretted.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and

<sup>1</sup> The petition requests confirmation of acceptance of an earlier claim for domestic priority; however, the claim was made in the application Transmittal form, and not in the first line of the specification following the title of the invention or in an Application Data Sheet as required by 37 CFR 1.78, and as such was not recognized by this Office.

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(3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The instant nonprovisional application was filed after November 29, 2000, and the claim herein for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed international application is submitted after expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). Therefore, this is a proper petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3).

The petition complies with the requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) in that (1) a reference to the prior-filed international application has been included in an Application Data Sheet, as provided by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(iii); (2) the surcharge fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(t) has been submitted; and (3) the petition contains a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, having found that the instant petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) to the above-noted, prior-filed international application satisfies the conditions of 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), the petition is granted.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed applications under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) should not be construed as meaning that the instant application is entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application. In order for the instant application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c), and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(1) and (a)(2) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed application should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed application noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the instant application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed international application, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2829 for consideration by the examiner of applicant's entitlement to claim benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) to the above-noted prior-filed international application.



Frances Hicks  
Lead Paralegal  
Office of Petitions  
Office of the Deputy Commissioner  
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**ATTACHMENT:** Corrected Filing Receipt

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): YAMASHITA

Serial No.: 10/729,975

Filed: December 9, 2003

Title: HEATER-EQUIPPED PUSHER,  
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HANDLING APPARATUS, AND  
TEMPERATURE CONTROL  
METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC  
COMPONENT

Atty. Docket: 24-011-TB

Group Art Unit: 2829

Examiner: Jermele M. Hollington

Date: December 6, 2005

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Petitions, Fax No. 571-273-8300, on December 6, 2005.

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**REQUEST TO CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF EARLIER CLAIM FOR DOMESTIC  
PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 120 / 365(C)  
AND  
CONTINGENT RULE 78(A)(3) PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY  
DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests confirmation that the claim for domestic priority under 35 USC 120 and 365(c) made at the time of filing of the present application on form PTO/SB/05 (as-filed copy attached) was accepted and that the corresponding data (i.e., that this application is a continuation of application no. PCT/JP02/06815, filed on July 4, 2002) will appear under the “RELATED U.S. APPLICATION DATA” heading on the front page of the resulting patent that will issue from the presently allowed application.

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If such confirmation is denied, applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3) to claim the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120 and 365(c) of prior-filed international application PCT JP02/06815, filed on July 4, 2002, for the above-identified application if the above request for confirmation of the earlier claim for priority is denied.

In particular, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) and (a)(3)(i) and 35 USC 120, and as noted above, applicant timely provided reference to the prior-filed international application as evidenced by the attached copy of the form PTO/SB/05 that was filed concurrently with the present application on December 9, 2003. In addition, a 2-page application data sheet with appropriate priority information is attached.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3)(ii), authorization is hereby provided if necessary to debit Deposit Account 50-1147 for the required petition fee of \$1370.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(t). Any additional necessary fees may also be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3)(iii), and for the reasons set forth above, the undersigned states that the entire delay between the priority claim due date as defined under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)(ii) and the present claim for priority was unintentional.

Applicant respectfully and urgently requests confirmation that the claim for domestic priority made at the time of filing of the present application has been accepted. Alternatively, applicant requests approval of the above petition if the aforementioned earlier claim for priority is not accepted.

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Application Data Sheet

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Application Information

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**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

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**Foreign Priority Information**

Country:	Application Number:	Filing Date:	Priority Claimed:
JAPAN	2001-212499	July 12, 2001	Yes